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# Twenty Volunteer For Joshua Tree Fire Co.

Twenty men of Joshua Tree signed the roster for the Volunteer Fire Company which was formed at a public meeting held last Wednesday in the Community Hall. More than thirty enthusiastic men and women attended the organization meeting which was opened by Meredith Willey, Chamber of Commerce president, with Gerald McMillen acting as temporary secretary.

Willey declared nominations for chairman were in order and Frank Biggs was named unanimously. Biggs opened the meeting to general discussion. John Payne, former member of Los Angeles County Fire Department, told the group of recommendations for certain procedures and types of equipment. G. A. Lindberg said that unless a paid fireman were on duty 24 hours daily insurance rates would not be materially affected.

Regular proceedings were suspended after a lengthy discussion and the organization papers were signed by seventeen active and honorary members. For the balance of the week the list was at the Journal office where several more signed.

Chairman Biggs then called for nominations for Foreman of the Volunteer Company. John Payne was elected without a dissenting vote. Later in the meeting Mary Ojala was elected secretary and Robert Fields, treasurer, both by a unanimous ballot.

Many suggestions for raising the necessary funds were advanced by those present. Foreman Payne recommended that treasurer Fields pick a financial committee to develop plans for the project. A plan to accept pledges of stated sums to be paid monthly for a year was favored by many. Limiting the territory to be covered by the Company was discussed but tabled for action at a later date.

William Roth, Joshua Tree signman, said that if the financial committee desired it, he and Guy Peterson of Peterson Brothers Cabinet Shop, will contribute a large wooden, decorated barometer on which to record the contributions as they are received.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the active and honorary members of the Fire Company at the Community Hall on Wednesday, January 28th, at 8 p.m. Able bodied men who have not signed up are urged to attend this meeting and become members.

After the meeting adjourned many of those present contributed to the project. A total of $116.00 was collected by the treasurer.

## The Forward O. P.

If today, this column rambles hither and yon and, at times, becomes downright incoherent just let me blame it on Virus X or even a plain old stomach ache. Anyhow, something has me in its horrible clutches — and it isn't 3 star Hennesy, dagnab it!

How many of you took advantage of that positively unbelievable moon and the June climate last Saturday night? If you didn't you missed some of the finest picnic weather that's come this way in many a month. Up in the foothills just a couple miles back of Joshua Tree four of us found a rocky knoll that overlooked the twinkling lights of town. Just below us drenched in brillant moonlght was a little valley straight out of the "Arabian Nights." A few wieners, a can of beans and a pot of coffee on the campfire was as good—well almost—as a luscious sirloin smothered in mushrooms. What a life!

It must be the season when newspaper folk get the urge to travel. The Journal office has been visited by several members of the Fourth Estate from "fur" parts who came up to look over our desert. But, where would I go if I got the urge? With the best of everything right here it would be silly to wander around looking for anything better. Anyhow I'd miss seeing the smart people who keep coming to look at real country.

That Oregon Indian must have something. He came down here to make it rain and, sure nuff, before he went back it started to sprinkle. I wish he had left the cool breezes up north where they belong.

Things you really should remember—to register so you can vote this year; to contribute to the March of Dimes; your wedding anniversary; to renew your Journal subscription; the date of the Volunteer Fire Company meeting (better look it up, it's in the Journal); to call 7777 when you do something the neighbors ought to read about.

## Former Kiltie Now At Trading Post Meat Market

Tom Gidney, formerly in the fighting forces of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, is now operating the meat department in the Desert Trading Post. With Mrs. Gidney he now lives in his Joshua Tree home at the corner of Sunburst and Plaza which they purchased some time ago from the Von Worthens.

Gidney was a British soldier before the Boer War, having been a member of the famous Gordon Highlanders. These kilted fighting men were called by the Huns in World War I the "Ladies from Hell." Gidney served in the Punjab and Chitral campaigns in India.

After fifty years of butchering Gidney had hoped to retire on the desert, but when the meat department needed a guiding hand he got back in harness to serve the people of Joshua Tree with a good line of fresh and cured meats. He operated a meat market in London before the turn of the century.

## Miners Organize At 29 Palms

Hope for a paved road linking Indio with Twentynine Palms was expressed by members of the Indio Chamber of Commerce who attended an organizational meeting of a local branch of the Western Mining Council, Inc. at 29 Palms last Tuesday night.

Formed to fight for the re-opening of the Joshua Tree National Monument to mining operations, the new group received the enthusiastic well wishes of the Indio delegation who said they hope soon to see a simlar chapter formed in their community. Members of the Indio Chamber at the meeting included: President Harry Whitesey; vice-president Roger Hand; secretary, G. L. Christiansen; treasurer, C. A. Washburn, and Marshall Peters.

Donning Arabian costumes, they evoked laughter and applause from the 100-odd miners and others who became charter members, when they depicted the proper attire for the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival to be conducted in Indio Feb. 11-18.

In advocating the road that would cut through the Monument, Washburn said: "Our two communities are really neighbors and one can help the other considerably once a quick link is established. For many years we have had the interest of mining at heart and have held the hope of getting a road over the mountains. That is something we must work for.

"Formation of a chapter of the Western Mining Council here tonight points up the need for a similar chapter in Indio. Certainly, if we can help out in this fight to

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## Father of Forrest Wilson Dies Suddenly

V. E. Wilson, 79, father of Forrest Wilson of Joshua Tree, died suddenly at his home in Antioch last Thursday. He had recovered after a recent illness and the news of his passing was unexpected.

Forrest Wilson was notified by telephone Thursday afternoon and left immediately for Los Angeles to meet Mrs. Wilson. The couple then proceeded to Antioch. Funeral arrangements had not been learned at press time.

## Fall Injures L. A. Man; Ambulance Called

Jack Brandt of Los Angeles who was visiting in Joshua Tree for the weekend apparently injured his spine when he fell in his room at LeOrra Court about 8 a.m. Sunday morning. After an examination of the injured man Dr. Louis Sinclair requested the Joshua Tree ambulance to convey the patient to Redlands Community Hospital for X-rays. No further information as to the cause of the fall or extent of Brandt's injuries was available.

Edith Parrish attended Brandt on the trip and was accompanied by B. Snyder of Beverly Hills, a friend of the Patient. Ray Rees was the driver.

During the past week the ambulance was called to take Patsy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, to the San Bernardino County Hospital when she was found to have a streptococcic infection of the throat. This trip occurred on Wednesday, January 21st. The attendant was Mrs. George Beard and the driver, Gus Ojala.

On the following day Dr. Louis Sinclair ordered the father, Carl Smith, to the County Hospital for the same reason. Attending the patient was Mrs. Lucy Bishop with Ray Rees driving.

A second trip was necessary on

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## Arch Trio Debuts At Palm Springs 'Stables'

The Johnny Arch Trio, a musical aggregation specializing in tunes for the cocktail hour, made its California debut at "The Stables" in Palm Springs last Saturday night. They played dinner music and later furnished the rythm for dancing at the popular night spot. Listeners reported that the Trio made a big hit on their first western engagement.

The young musicians came to Joshua Tree last week from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and have been guests of the leader's brother, Joe Arch, and Mrs. Arch.

Attending the debut from Joshua Tree were many friends of the Trio. The party included the Joe Arches, the Robert Garrys, the William Bunkers, the George Clarks, the James Boyles, Mrs. Mildred Jaffee, Miss Johanne Jaffe, Chester Bunker, G. Burnett and Frank Leyhe.

## Suesserman Urges Foot Exams For Children

Speaking before the PTA members last Tuesday evening at the Schoolhouse in Joshua Tree, Dr. G. Suesserman, chiropodist of San Bernardino, said that he advocated a compulsory foot examination at the same time children are given their regular physical exams. "Foot defects that are corrected at an early age," said Dr. Suesserman, "will overcome more serious and painful conditions that might develop later in life."

The doctor's lecture was illustrated with slides depicting functional and acquired foot conditions. In his work for the public schools the lecturer stated that 81% of children examined in a recent survey had defective feet. Massachusetts is the only state now having a foot health program, he said.

It was announced at the meeting that on February 9th physical examinations will be given the local school children by County medics. In the afternoon the tuberculosis X-ray laboratory will be parked near the Desert Trading Post to give free chest X-rays to all who want them. The mobile lab will be

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## Red Cross To Elect Officers

Officers for the coming year will be elected by the Twentynine Palms Branch, American Red Cross, at the annual meeting to be held at Smoke Tree Broiler on Friday, January 30th, at 8 p.m. All members of the Red Cross are asked to attend. Plans for a membership drive will be discussed, reports Mrs. H. Lafferty, chairman for Joshua Tree.

A feature of the meeting will be a talk on "Disaster Relief" by Phillip Warren of the San Bernardino Chapter.

In line with the great work done by the Red Cross is another nationwide fund drive for infantile paralysis victims, the annual March of Dimes. Your contributions may be made at the following establishments; Belows, The Gift Box, Desert Trading Post, Desert Steak House and Rancho Coffee Shop.

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# The Personal Touch

Paul Dimon, recently discharged from the U. S. Army, after a year's service in Alaska has rejoined his wife, Edith in Joshua Tree. The Dimons will visit a while with Mrs. Margaret Bair, Edith's mother, before going to their former home in Kansas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hight and children of Rosa visited Mrs. Hight's aunt, Mrs. Ella Isbell of Lockhaven Court, last week. Mrs. Isbell received news of an accident in which another nece, Mrs. Mamie Miller, sustained a broken back recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kanewske of San Carlos and Mrs. George Ernest of Los Angeles, all Joshua Tree property owners, were Journal visitors last Tuesday on their way to the National Monument. Mr. Kanewske hopes to establish a bakery here soon.

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Guests last week at Sunrise Motel were Miss Lois Eaker of Monrovia, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Heckman of Los Angeles.

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Quality Furniture—Lyons Furn. Co.

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Eddie Adams, photographer of 29 Palms, was in Joshua Tree last Saturday doing a bit of business here and there.

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The guest list at Mira Monte Courts last weekend included Mr. and Mrs. Rand Watson of Arcadia, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Moninger of Los Angeles, Mrs. Nellie Swartz and Mrs. Maryon Lyon of Los Angeles. The two ladies last named purchased property on Sunrise Terrace. Mrs. Lyon is an experienced public accountant and hopes to establish a residence here in the near future.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coombs of Escondido were guests for the weekend at Coulter Apartments. They toured the Monument and renewed their Journal subscription while in Joshua Tree.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turner of Los Angeles motored out on Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Margaret Bair on Sunburst Circle. They visited Sun Valley to investigate the turkey raising possibilities.

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Visitors for the weekend at Le-Orra Courts were Jack Brandt and Norman Schramm of Los Angeles, B. Snyder of Beverly Hills, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fletcher of Los Angeles, Dave W. Young of Azusa, Mr. and Mrs. O. Elkin of Los Angeles and A. W. Blood of Fontana.

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At Valley View Motel for the past three weeks were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Murchison of La Crescenta. They will remain in Joshua Tree for another week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Abel Terrazas and daguhter of Los Angeles were weekend guests at Golden Tree Lodge. The Terrazas purchased three acres at Sun Valley during their visit here.

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Post Cards—The Gift Box.

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Guests at the C. O. Peterson home last week were Mrs. Peterson's brothers, Arthur G. DeLany of Omaha, Nebraska, and Carl H. DeLany and his wife of Chicago. The Petersons and DeLanys will visit other relatives in Riverside than in Hollywood where they will hold a long-deferred family reunion.

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While returning his home after the Community meeting last Wednesday night Forrest Wilson got a rude shock and a severe shaking up when he stepped into a three foot hole in the dark.

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Fred R. Fullham of Los Angeles, a well known early timer in Joshua Tree, is spendng a week at Desertaire Lodge and renewing old acquaintances about town.

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Ernie Menard and son and Paul Gustlin of Santa Ana spent the week in Joshua Tree. They stayed at the home of Paul's uncle, Frank Fox, on Valley View.

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Russell Boyle of Toledo, Ohio, formerly of Joshua Tree was in town last weekend visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Wheeler, who has been ill at her home since New Year's. Mr. Boyle also attended to some business in town.

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Guests at Joshua Tree Lodge last week were Lt. Commander T. J. Shannon (retired) of Los Angeles and Walter Tegue of Ecuador, South America. Commander Shannon was formerly a vice-president of Stewart-Warner Corporation and is now sales manager of the Filcolator Company. Shannon was visiting his uncle, Cactus Pete and appointed him distributor for Joshua Tree and this desert area.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Downey of Los Angeles were in Joshua Tree for the weekend. They attended to the furnishng of the north apartment in the attractive duplex on El Reposo which they recently purchased. J. G. R. O'Hara has leased the south apartment for a year.

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Lowell Winters and his uncles, Philip Kyriss of Broadview, Montana, and W. G. Squires of Butte, Montana, with Mrs. Squires stopped at the Journal office last Sunday. Mr. Kyriss subscribed to our desert weekly. They all reported a good time at the Saturday night dance in Yucca Valley. Mr. Squires, a newspaperman, is with the Montana Standard at Butte.

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Sam Lafferty of the road-building Laffertys, finally took to his downy couch after a bout with chills and fever last weekend.

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Mrs. Mildred Jaffe and daughter Johanne, formerly of Hollywood, are now residing in the Conner apartments on Sunburst Circle. They plan to make their home on our desert. Mrs. Jaffe is a song writer and has written shows for the Boulevard Room at Chicago's Stevens Hotel.

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Guests last week at Desertaire Lodge were Miss Helen Rice, Miss Maxine Erhart, Mrs. Lillian Hubbard, Mss Esther Nicholls, Miss Alma Lundquist, Miss Jeanette Johnson, and Fred Fullham, all of Los Angeles; Mrs. Robert Cole of Long Beach, Mrs. Rebecca Beck of Redondo Beach, Miss Hilma Peterson of Duluth, Minnesota, Lee Allen and M. Ralph of Monrovia.

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Mrs. Blanche Frye returned to Joshua Tree last week after an absence of 15 months in Ontario. She will assist Pick Laughlin at the Desert Steak House where she is well known for her home made pies.

# Thrall To Attend Youth Conference

C. Burton Thrall, County Superintendent of Schools, has been invited by Governor Earl Warren to participate in the Governor's Conference on Youth Welfare in Sacramento on January 29th and 30th.

The conference is being held because of the urgency of the youth problem in the State. In his letter to Mr. Thrall, the Governor stated, "I have decided that the best attack on the problem is to convene a working conference of our State leaders in the youth welfare field to assess the needs and opportunities of our California youth."

Mr. Thrall will participate in the section meeting on "The Schools and Youth Welfare."

The conference was called upon the recommendation of the Youth Committee, the Crime Commission on Juvenile Justice, the Judicial Council, the Youth Authority, and other State departments interested in youth welfare.

It will be a two-day working conference with panels studying such subjects as Employment for Youth; Community Coordination; Schools and Youth Welfare; Role of Law Enforcement in Youth Welfare; Community Environmental Planning for Youth Welfare; Public Recreation and Youth; the Church and Youth Welfare; Physical, Social, and Mental Health; Group Programs for Youth; Institutional Treatment for Juvenile Delinquent; Detention and Protective Care for Children; Administration of Juvenile Justice; and Transient Youth.

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# Yucca Valley Notes

By A. R. HOLLENBACK

Readers are requested to give news items to their local correspondents or send or telephone them to the Joshua Journal, Johsua Tree, telephone 7777.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gardner and son, Ronnie of Azusa and Charles Crowl of New Castle, Pennsylvania, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Long and sons of Redlands were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith are moving into their new home on Deer Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Thomas of Santa Fe Trail spent a day in Banning last week on business and pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnston spent last weekend in Santa Ana.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Owens went to Bakersfield for the weekend.

After a winter vacation spent in Florida the George Racines have returned to the valley. Nothing like our desert, they say.

Mrs. Bertha Seamands of Peggy's Cafe spent a couple of days in Redlands last week.

Mr. Art LeFevre expects his wife home from Victorville soon. She has been there under the doctor's care. We hope she's feeling better.

The G. Rassmussen home on Santa Fe Trail is nearing completion. They expect to be moving in soon.

The Hat Rack Motel under the supervision of Art Zeller has opened for business. Good luck, Art.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jarvis spent Sunday and Monday of last week in Downey. Mr. Jarvis is recovering nicely after his recent accident.

Weekending at the Lombardo Motel, another new addition to the valley, were Mr. and Mrs. P. Waddell of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. How of San Marino, Mr. and Mrs. C. Oater of Glendale, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Buchna of Los Angeles and Mr and Mrs. L. E. Schroeder of Santa Paula.

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Mrs. Melvin Rich has undergone an operation at the Redlands Community Hospital. She is doing well and is expected home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Callis spent the weekend at their place on the 29 Palms Hiway.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cardin and Mr. and Mrs. James Osbond and children of Lynwood spetn Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hollenback. They like the valley very much and hope to buy here.

Magazines — The Gift Box

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Beginning with the March issue "The Desert Spotlight" a magazine devoted to stories and articles of desert lore will be printed in its own plant at Hidden Rancho, near Yucca Valley, the home of the publishers, Ruth and Homer Stuart.

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## CALIFORNIA ATTAINS A RIPE OLD AGE

Just a hundred years ago last Saturday the nation and the world were startled by the news of Marshall's discovery of the precious yellow metal in California in 1848. To commemorate that event Governor Warren and other notables participated in a broadcast from Coloma, site of the original discovery, which touched off a three year long Centennial Celebration. Special events have been scheduled and more will be planned by nearly every community in California for the coming thirty-six months.

Not until the following year did the effects of the news of the discovery of gold assume sizeable proportions. But in 1849 hordes of fortune seekers came by sea and overland to hunt the precious nuggets that offered a life of ease and opulence to the hardier and luckier ones. Tales of the '49ers are known to everyone. The second year of this triple centennial will be devoted to recalling those rip-roaring days in pomp and pageant.

The crowning glory of this vast new empire was achieved when statehood was bestowed on the California territory. Since 1850 California has been a fabulous land, the goal of millions of eager, worth-while American pioneers. Here, too, have flocked the health-seekers and quick-fortune hunters and with them came the opportunists, the charlatans and fakes of every sort to offer their nostrums to the gullible.

The last year of the three will see the finale of many a glittering pageant staged to commemorate and glorify the name of California, a wonderland for sure; a leader among the forty-eight states of the Union.

For native sons and transplanted mid-westerners this will be a time for great enjoyment. After five years of strife and denial Americans are ready for and entitled to, a few months of play and relaxation.

## A TACTICAL BLUNDER

The announcement in the daily press last week of the imposition of fines on the Milk Ship by Port Authorities at a California harbor must have caused a certain amount of consternation in the breasts of the incumbent bureaucrats who hope to retain their present lush governmental seats. What a slipping of cogs in the New Deal machinery that was!

Governor Warren stated that he had been assured that all the ship's papers were in order. He further stated that not one cent of money contributed by the people of California to feed hungry youngsters in foreign lands would be used to pay fines. The Governor said he would pay them, if required, from his own personal funds.

This the good people of California will not permit. It is sometimes worth a few extra dollars to discover the fumbling machinations of inept demagogues grown contemptuous with too long a tenure in office.

Of course, this may have been a natural mistake due to causes little known to the public at large. On the other hand if it was intended to harry the Governor during a year of political elections it shows a complete lack of timing.

Definitely, it was a costly blunder.


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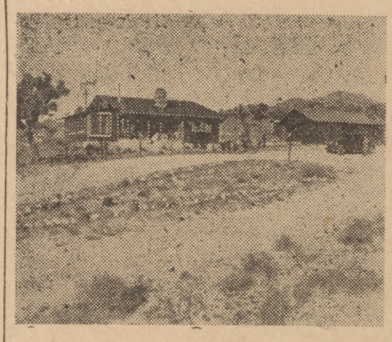

### THE JOSHUAS

Huge buds on the Joshua trees are about to open and, it seems to me, this is unusually early in the season for them to appear. The older trees that bloomed so profusely two years ago are not showing many buds as yet; at least this is the case around my cabin.

I am especially interested in noting when the young Joshua trees bud for, as I have observed, the trees do not branch out until after they have blossomed. If the trees grow very tall before they put out branches, they are inclined to be top-heavy and become victims of the strong winds that are sometimes a part of this desert-life.

The sturdy Joshuas are those that have reached out their arms in service early in life!

## Fall Injures L. A. Man

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Thursday when V. R. Hayes was taken to Osteopathic Hospital in Riverside for treatment for pneumonia at the request of Dr. William Ince. Attendants were Mrs. Bishop and Mr. Hayes, daughter, Mrs. D. Meyers. Ray Rees was the driver.

William Roth, local sign painter, last week did an attractive job of lettering the name Joshua Tree Ambulance on both sides of the vehicle.

New contributors to the Ambulance fund are, from Morongo Valley, Mrs. Nona Hicks and Mrs. F. W. Holloway; from Yucca Valley, O. H. and Mary Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mohr, and I. L. Winget; from Joshua Tree, Christy Nelson, Mrs. Ella Isbell, V. R. Hayes (2 contributions), Paul R. Farnsworth, and Joshua Tree Builders Supply.


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A rennetized milk shake is easy for mothers to make because it is made without cooking, by just stirring rennet powder, which is already sweetened and flavored, into lukewarm milk. Then it can be quickly poured into a wide-mouthed pitcher, allowed to set, and stored in the refrigerator.

And a recipe for a delicious Gingerbread is given below that will prove to be an excellent accompaniment to the milk drink. Both of these tempting tasties are ideal for after-school lunches and parties, too.

**Vanilla Creamy Rennetized Milk Shake**

**3 cups milk (not canned)**
**1 package vanilla rennet powder**

Set out wide-mouthed pitcher or mixing bowl. Warm 2 cups milk slowly, *stirring constantly.* Test a drop on inside of wrist frequently. WHEN COMFORTABLY WARM (110° F.) *not hot,* remove *at once* from *heat.* Stir rennet powder into milk quickly until dissolved — not over one minute. Pour *at once, while still liquid,* into pitcher or mixing bowl. Do not move until set — about 10 minutes. Then chill. When ready to serve, add remaining 1 cup cold milk and beat with rotary beater until perfectly smooth. Serve at once.

**Gingerbread**

¼ cup shortening
1 cup molasses
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 egg
1 teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon ginger
1 cup sour milk
2 cups flour

Melt the shortening; add the molasses, vinegar, and beaten egg. Mix and sift the dry ingredients and add alternately with the milk. Pour into a greased pan and bake thirty to forty minutes in a moderate oven (350°-375° F.). Batter should be just thin enough so that the track left by the spoon in stirring disappears at once.


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# Morongo Valley Notes

By GLADYS ULRICH

Readers are requested to give news items to their local correspondents or send or telephone them to the Joshua Journal, Johsua Tree, telephone 7777.

Jimmy Freeman's father and brother from Pasadena were out to visit him last weekend.

Mrs. J. H. Floyd is now building her new home in Morongo Valley.

Carol Butler and daughter are back in Morongo and plan to stay.

Visiting Mrs. Timothy Murphy for a few months is her sister from Valparaiso, Indiana.

Mrs. W. Haynes from Connecticut is in Morongo visiting Miss M. Wales.

Mrs. Lester Bobo's father, aunt and uncle were visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodgson of Long Beach were guests at the Al Borg Hotel last week.

Mr. S. Lee of Long Beach is having his five acre tract graded and plans to build soon.

Mrs. Agnes Cederholm of Denmark is visiting her brother, Anton Terp of the Hitching Post in Morongo. Mrs. Cederholm has many other relatives in America whom she plans to visit before her return to Denmark in May. A 20 year old son of Mrs. Cederholm plans to come to the United States soon to make his home. Mrs. Cederholm says she is very fond of America and Americans.

Mrs. Maud Sherman, an early-day homesteader in Morongo Valley, is again back in her mountain-home at Sherman Shady Springs. Mrs. Sherman has been ill for the past two years and during that time was forced to be away from her home; now, however, she hopes that her many friends will learn that she is back to stay indefinitely.

# Morongo C of C Board Ponders Building Progress

Reports on the progress and the needs of the new Community Building now under construction were received and discussed by the members of the board of directors of the Morongo Chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting held last Thursday night at the Morongo Inn.

President Harry Hess stated that money and material contributions had been generously given but that more would be necessary. It is hoped to have school conducted in the edifice at the beginning of the February term.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Millington and Les Archer reported a favorable interview with County School Superintendent C. Burton Thrall earlier that day.

The Chamber voted to purchase a Fischer upright piano for the Community building from Mrs. H. M. Hess.

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# Francis Holloway Buried In Houston

Funeral services for Francis W. Holloway, 67, resdent of Morongo Valley for two months, were held last week in Houston, Texas, his former home. Mr. Holloway died of a lung infection on January 17th at the Riverside County Hospital in Arlington. Accompanying the remains to Houston were the deceased's wife and her sister, Mrs. Nona Hicks.

Mr. Holloway had been ill since his market was burned a year ago. He apparently was affected by the smoke from fumes from the fire.

Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Hicks plan to return to Morongo about the 1st of February to finish the construction of a home on their property here.

Stationery — The Gift Box.

# Bell to Help Car Owners at Josh Barn

Word has been received from Milton J. Bell of the State Department of Motor Vehicles that he will be in 29 Palms at the Josh Barn on Thursday and Friday, January 29th and 30th, to issue driver's licenses and to assist owners with their registration problems.

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## Celery Knob Ragout

By BETTY BARCLAY

Ragout is the French word which means "stew" and Celery Knob Ragout is really a stew with a new twist which is reminiscent of fine French cookery. Using only one half pound of ground beef which is extended with corn flakes, it makes a fine substantial dish for from 4 to 6 people. In these days that is an achievement worthy of the greatest chef!

**Celery Knob Ragout**

4 small celery knobs or roots (about 1 pound) or 3 cups coarsely diced celery
1½ cups boiling water
½ teaspoon salt
½ pound ground beef
1 cup corn flakes
4 tablespoons water
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon finely chopped onion
½ cup cold water
4 tablespoons flour

Peel and cut celery knobs into small cubes. Cook, covered, in boiling water and salt 20 minutes, or until done. Remove from liquid.

Combine meat, corn flakes, 4 tablespoons water, salt, and onion and mix well. Shape into small meat balls and drop, several at a time, into hot celery stock. Simmer. As balls rise to surface, remove; keep hot.

Measure stock and add water to make 1½ cups. Add cold water gradually to flour, mixing to smooth paste; pour into celery stock, stirring vigorously. Cook until thickened. Add celery and meat balls. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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JOSHUA TREE WOMEN'S CLUB
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Joshua Tree Women's Club
1st Friday each month
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1st and 3rd Thursday
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1st and 3rd Monday each month
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3rd Tuesday each month
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Every Sunday, 6:30 p.m.
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# Miners Organize At 29 Palms

(Continued from page 1)

produce the Monument's mineral wealth, there is no time better than now. The Joshua Tree National Monument should be and must be opened to mining. Tourist travelers help out, but there are others to consider. The mining people are being deprived of the privileges they should have. If mining is opened up again, people will flock to this area and certainly there is nothing of more interest than a good mine. It will always be a big attraction. Looking at it from every angle it seems that mining would be the finest kind of attraction we can have," Washburn declared.

"Representative John Phillips is introducing a bill in Congress to reopen the Monument for mining. Having good, solid chapters of the Western Mining Council will help in a hundred ways to put that bill across. When that is done, more and more people will flock to Indio and Twentynine Palms and will be greatly instrumental in getting that road."

Elected officers of the new chapter were: Patrick Thornton, president; Karl Schapel, vice-president, and H. W. Slocum, secretary-treasurer. Directors will be Leslie D. Spell, Frank Sabathe, Charles L. Stokes and Harry M. Hess.

Plans were made for an area-wide all-day meeting of the Council to be conducted March 11th at the Twentynine Palms Airport. More than 1000 persons are expected to attend and prominent state and county officials are also expected to be present.

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# Pension Package Deal Is Opposed By Howser

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27 — Attorney General Fred N. Howser today condemned the "package deal" proposed constitutional amendment advocated by former promoters of the defeated Ham 'n Eggs plan. In issuing a title for the proposition, as required by law, Howser declared:

In accordance with provisions of the law and decisions of the courts, the Attorney General today has issued a title and summary of the "California Bill of Rights" proposed consttutional amendment, pursuant to the request of Messrs. Roy G. Owens and Willis Allen.

This action was taken with utmost reluctance and implies no endorsement of the proposed amendment would in effect constitute an attempt to usurp the right to determine what measures shall be submitted to the people for their decision.

The Attorney General is sympathetically aware of the hardships of those who depend on pensions in this time of mounting living costs. But to attempt to solve their problems by creating a hundred new ones is little short of vicious, particularly when the proposed solution involves legalization of bookmaking and other gambling, as well as complete disruption of the tax system of the state. It is inconceivable that the fine men and women who are the senior citizens of California will give assistance to any proposal that so jeopardizes decency and economic stability in our state.

The proposed amendment emphasizes a deficiency of the law regarding initiative propositions that permits the lumping of such unrelated measures as pensions, legalized gambling, civic centers, water pollution, certain healing arts, oleomargarine regulation, surface mining and primary election cross filing.

The Attorney General regrets that he is required by law to take an action in any wise furthering a reprehensible "package deal." He sincerely hopes that none of our senior citizens will be misled into giving of their time and substance to a measure which can only menace the security they now have.

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## Church Corner

By ANTOINETTE KIRCH

Dr. D. C. Williams read for his text verses 36-44, 26th Chapter of the Book of St. Matthew and preached an inspiring sermon.

Mrs. Antoinette Kirch sang "My Faith Looks Up To Thee." She was accompanied by Mrs. H. K. Lee at the piano.

We were very happy to welcome so many visitors and old friends at the morning worship service.

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## Biscuits Are Back

*By Frances Lee Barton*

BISCUITS that melt in your mouth! Who doesn't love them? Here's a new recipe that brings two unusual factors into play. One of them is cake flour, back now on the grocers' shelves and ready to impart the light touch to tender biscuits. The other is orange for flavoring; oranges are plentiful now, so it's time to use them. Do you need any further coaxing?

**Orange Tea Biscuits**

2 cups sifted cake flour; 2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; ¾ teaspoon salt; 5 tablespoons butter or other shortening; 2 teaspoons grated orange rind; ½ cup milk.

Topping: 4 tablespoons sugar; 2 teaspoons grated orange rind; ¼ teaspoon orange juice (about).

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cut in shortening. Add orange rind and blend. Add milk and stir until soft dough is formed. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead 30 seconds. Roll ¼ inch thick and cut with floured 1¾ inch biscuit cutter.

Combine sugar, orange rind, and enough orange juice to make a crumbly mixture. Place ½ of biscuits in greased muffin pans, or on ungreased baking sheet, and brush with melted butter or margarine. Sprinkle with sugar mixture, and top with remaining biscuits, pressing lightly together. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 8 to 10 minutes, or until done. Makes 18 small biscuits.

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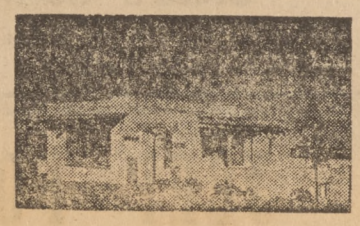

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# Howser Reports On Tidelands Battle

SAN BERNARDINO, Jan. 26 — Two actions of major importance in the fight of California and forty-three other states to save the tidelands from federal seizure were reported here today by Attorney General Fred N. Howser, who recently returned from Washington.

The first action will be opposition to a petition by the Federal government seeking the establishment of an arbitrary tidelands boundary along the California coast in conformity with the recent decision and decree of the U. S. Supreme Court. The petition will be opposed, Howser stated, even though it recognizes stipulations which have saved for their present owners properties valued at more than one billion dollars.

Opposition to the petition will be based on the contention of the states that the Federal seizure is a usurpation of rights which they have held since adoption of the Federal constitution, the attorney general declared. It is anticipated that this opposition will result in the naming of a master in chancery to adjudicate the complications that result from the supreme court decision, although, Howser added, this procedure would result in protracted litigation.

The second action on the tidelands problem is the opening of hearings by the U. S. Senate judiciary committee on February 23 on a bill which would quickly terminate the Federal seizure attempt. Introduced while Howser was in Washington, the bill is sponsored by eighteen senators, including Senators Knowland and Downey of California.

The measure is endorced by the National Association of Attorneys General, the Council of State Governments, the National Reclamation Association and the National Water Conservation Association. It recognizes state ownership of all lands beneath navigable waters within the boundaries of states, removing the cloud on inland waters and private properties cast by the supreme court decision, Attorney General Howser declared.

By giving the Federal government preferential purchase rights of natural resources and the use of lands under navigable water whenever needed for national defense and leaving the decision on ownership to Congress, since the supreme court did not decide the question, the bill, Howser said, is expected to meet all of the objections of the President, who vetoed an original measure quitclaiming

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# Suesserman Urges Foot Exams

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On Friday, February 30th, at 7:30 in the Schoolhouse the PTA Minstrel Show will be presented. A cast of forty under the direction of Chairman Melbrey Papendick has been rehearsing for several weeks for the affair.

At the February meeting of the PTA a nominating committee will be named to select officer candidates for the March election. Members are urged to turn out in force for this meeting.

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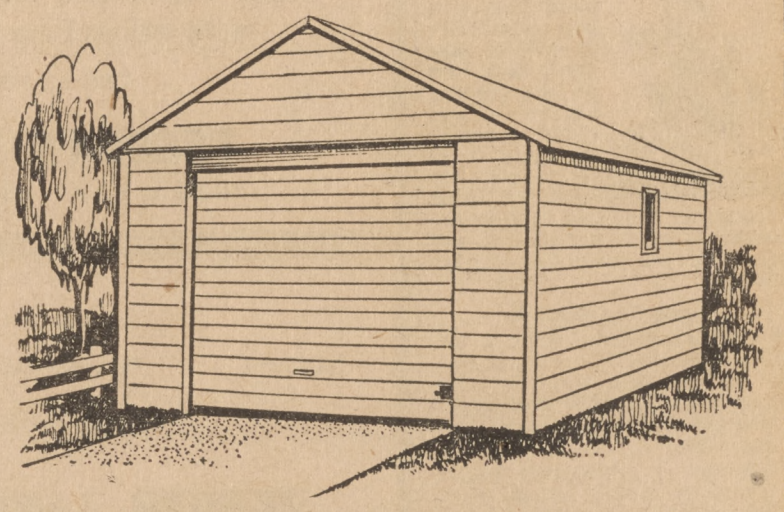

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